Vietnam Heritage & Culture Journey: Hanoi to Mekong Delta – 15 Days

15D / 14N	Easy	Group	USD 1,300 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

This 15-day small group adventure traverses Vietnam from north to south, showcasing iconic World Heritage sites, vibrant city life, serene natural landscapes, and authentic local encounters in destinations like Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Hue, and the Mekong Delta.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Mai Chau → Ha Long → Hue → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City → Da Nang

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview

Embark on a comprehensive 15-day small group tour exploring the diverse landscapes and rich cultural heritage of Vietnam. This journey takes you from the bustling capital of Hanoi to the tranquil villages of Mai Chau, the stunning karsts of Halong Bay, the ancient charm of Hoi An, the imperial grandeur of Hue, and the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City, concluding with an authentic experience in the Mekong Delta. Designed to offer a blend of historical insights, natural beauty, and local interactions, this itinerary provides a deep dive into the heart of Vietnam.

Route Summary

Your adventure begins in Hanoi, where you'll explore the capital's ancient and modern facets before heading west to the picturesque Mai Chau valley for cultural immersion. A breathtaking overnight cruise through Halong Bay's limestone seascape follows. You then fly south to Da Nang, transferring to the charming ancient town of Hoi An, followed by a scenic drive to the imperial city of Hue. The final leg of the journey involves a flight to Ho Chi Minh City, from which you'll venture into the intricate waterways of the Mekong Delta before your departure.

Who This Tour Suits

This flexible small group tour is ideal for seniors and groups seeking a well-paced itinerary that balances sightseeing with opportunities for relaxation and independent exploration. Travelers interested in history, culture, nature, and soft adventure will find this journey particularly rewarding, with numerous chances to engage with local communities and experience authentic Vietnamese life.

Practical Information

The tour includes domestic flights between key regions, comfortable private car transfers, and unique local transport experiences like bicycle rides and boat trips. Accommodation is provided in a mix of quality hotels and an overnight cruise. All meals specified in the itinerary are included, ensuring you experience a wide array of Vietnamese flavors. An English-speaking local guide accompanies you throughout the scheduled activities to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of each destination.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore the historic sites of Hanoi, including the Temple of Literature and Tran Quoc Pagoda
* Cycle through the tranquil rice paddies and ethnic villages of Mai Chau Valley
* Cruise overnight on the emerald waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site

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- Wander through Hoi An Ancient Town, admiring its Japanese Covered Bridge and historic merchant houses
- Discover the imperial grandeur of Hue with visits to the Citadel and Thien Mu Pagoda
- Experience the authentic river life and local industries of the Mekong Delta
- Delve into Vietnam's recent history at Ho Chi Minh City's War Remnants Museum and Reunification Palace
- Savor traditional Vietnamese cuisine, including authentic Hue-style dishes and local specialties

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Arrival & Leisure

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, a friendly tour guide from our team will extend a warm welcome. You will then be transferred directly to your hotel in Hanoi. The remainder of the day is yours to unwind and recover from your journey, preparing for the exciting adventures ahead. Please note that standard hotel check-in time is 14:00. Should you require an earlier check-in, arrangements can be made for an additional fee; kindly consult your travel specialist for details.

Day 2 — Hanoi Cultural Exploration & Ancient Sites

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast before your guide collects you around 08:00 for a half-day exploration of Hanoi's key cultural landmarks. Your first stop is the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, showcasing the profound influence of Confucianism. Next, marvel at the unique architecture of the One Pillar Pagoda and learn about its intriguing origins. The tour continues to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the revered final resting place of Vietnam's revolutionary leader, which you will view from the exterior.Nearby, explore the serene West Lake, often called the 'lung of Hanoi,' surrounded by significant historical sites. Here, you'll visit Tran Quoc Pagoda, a 1500-year-old Buddhist sanctuary beautifully situated on the lake's eastern side. Conclude your morning with a delightful authentic Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant. The afternoon is reserved for your leisure, allowing you to relax or explore more of Hanoi at your own pace. Please be aware that the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed on Mondays, Fridays, and from June to August, and visitors can only observe it from outside.

Day 3 — Journey to Mai Chau & Valley Cycling

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Mai Chau

Your day begins with a pickup between 07:00 and 07:30 from your hotel in Hanoi's Old Quarter. You'll then embark on a scenic drive through winding mountain passes, offering picturesque views of the valleys and mountains where the Muong and Thai ethnic communities reside. Around 10:50, a stop at the summit of Thung Khe Pass provides panoramic vistas of Mai Chau Valley and an opportunity to visit a temporary market where Muong people sell traditional goods. A local lunch, with vegetarian

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options available, will be served at noon.The afternoon invites you to explore the countryside on a bicycle ride (at your own expense). Cycle through lush fields, observe farmers at work, watch local artisans craft scarves, and discover the peaceful villages surrounding Mai Chau. The day culminates with a traditional dinner featuring authentic Thai-style dishes. For groups exceeding five people, a traditional Thai dance performance and a tasting of 'Ruou Can' (fermented rice wine) are also offered.

Day 4 Mai Chau Village Trek & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

After breakfast at your accommodation, join a local Thai guide for a short 2 km bicycle ride. This leads to a trekking adventure through remote villages such as Na Meo, Na Mo, and Xam Pa. During this experience, you'll witness breathtaking rice terraces and gain valuable insights into the unique culture and customs of the Thai ethnic group.Following your village exploration, return to your homestay for check-out and lunch. You'll then have some free time for souvenir shopping or simply relaxing before commencing your journey back to Hanoi by van or bus. Anticipate arriving back in Hanoi's Old Quarter and being dropped off at your hotel around 19:00.

Day 5 Halong Bay Overnight Cruise & Island Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight on Cruise

Between 08:00 and 08:30, a driver will pick you up for the scenic transfer to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning natural beauty. The transfer is approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival, the enthusiastic boat crew will greet you and assist with the check-in process. Boarding is scheduled around 12:00. Lunch will be served as your boat begins its cruise through the bay, offering views of countless unique islets that define Halong Bay's iconic landscape.After a relaxing post-lunch nap, prepare for an afternoon filled with exciting activities. These may include visiting a captivating cave, kayaking through serene waters, or swimming amidst the majestic scenery of Halong Bay. Around 17:00–17:30, you'll return to the boat for a lively Sunset Party. After dinner, the evening offers various nightlife options such as squid fishing, board games, movie screenings, or enjoying the onboard bar. Please note that your main tour guide will not accompany you on the cruise; English-speaking crew members will serve as your hosts.

Day 6 Halong Bay Sunrise & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Greet the morning in Halong Bay with a refreshing Tai-chi class on deck, or simply wake up to witness the spectacular sunrise over the bay's tranquil waters. A light breakfast will be served shortly after. You will then continue your exploration of this magnificent bay, perhaps with another cave visit or a kayaking excursion, depending on the cruise itinerary.Around 10:00, return to the boat to check out from your cabin. Following this, enjoy a final delicious meal onboard as your cruise concludes its journey. Between 11:30 and 11:45, the boat will dock at the port, where the crew will bid you farewell. A shuttle bus will be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel in Hanoi.Arriving in Hanoi around 15:00 - 15:30, you will have ample time to rest and

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enjoy your last evening in this peaceful city at your leisure.

Day 7 Flight to Da Nang & Hoi An Arrival

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel in Hanoi until it's time for your transfer to Noi Bai International Airport. From there, you will board a domestic flight to Da Nang City.Upon arrival at Da Nang Airport, a friendly driver will be waiting to meet you and provide a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. The rest of the day is free for you to relax and settle into the charming atmosphere of Hoi An at your own pace.

Day 8 Hoi An Ancient Town Walking Tour

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Your morning begins with an exploration of the vibrant Hoi An Market, a sensory delight of colors, aromas, and local activity, offering a memorable shopping experience. Nearby, the Fujian Chinese Assembly Hall captivates with its vivid gates, dragon sculptures, and intricate rooftops, where you can observe locals performing ancestral worship.Continue your journey through Hoi An's past by visiting historic residences like Phung Hung Ancient House and Tan Ky Ancient House, both standing for over two centuries. Delve deeper into the town's history at the Museum of Folk Culture, housed in a 150-year-old Chinese merchant home, showcasing artifacts of daily life. Enjoy traditional performances at the Hoi An Traditional Performing Arts House, then visit the iconic 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, a historical link between past communities. Conclude your tour by exploring Hoi An’s numerous handicraft shops, art galleries, and quaint laneways, uncovering the town's endless charm and hidden gems.

Day 9 Leisure Day in Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Today is dedicated to your independent exploration of Hoi An's unique charm. You have the freedom to discover the town at your own pace, revisiting favorite spots or seeking out new experiences.Alternatively, you might choose from several optional activities (at an additional cost). These include a half-day excursion to the My Son Sanctuary, a visit to the spectacular Hoi An Memories Show, or an immersive 'Life as a Farmer' experience in Cam Thanh village. Enjoy your day of leisure and prepare for the longer transfer scheduled for tomorrow.

Day 10 Scenic Drive to Hue & Imperial City Exploration

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue

At 08:00, you will be picked up from your hotel in Hoi An to begin your journey north to Hue. The car transfer to Hue typically takes at least three hours, offering scenic views along the way, including the famous Hai Van Pass and the serene Lang Co

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Village.Upon arrival in Hue, the afternoon is yours to relax and begin exploring the city at your own leisure. Hue is renowned for its distinctive street food, offering unique flavors that cannot be found elsewhere in Vietnam. Don't miss the opportunity to sample some local delicacies during your free time.

Day 11 Hue Imperial City & Pagoda Tour

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue

Your Hue city discovery commences at 08:00 with your tour guide. The first stop is Thien Mu Pagoda, Central Vietnam's most famous Buddhist site, gracefully situated by the poetic Perfume River. This royal pagoda boasts centuries of history and impressive architecture.Next, your guide will lead you to the Imperial Citadel, the former residence of the Nguyen Royal Family, Vietnam's last dynasty. Here, you'll learn about the final chapter of Vietnam's feudal era. Your final destination is Dong Ba Market, Hue's largest traditional trading hub, where you can find unique souvenirs and observe the daily routines of local vendors. The local cuisine here is highly recommended; seize the opportunity to try it if time permits.The afternoon is free for you to relax, engage in some shopping, or simply savor your remaining time in the charming city of Hue.

Day 12 Flight to Ho Chi Minh City & Southern Arrival

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Today, you will take a domestic flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam’s bustling economic heart. This vibrant metropolis, home to over 10 million people, offers a fascinating blend of traditional Vietnamese culture and dynamic modern life.Upon your arrival at Ho Chi Minh City airport, a dedicated driver will be waiting to transfer you directly to your hotel. Once settled, the rest of the day is at your leisure to unwind or begin your independent exploration of this captivating southern city.

Day 13 Mekong Delta River Life & Local Crafts

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

After breakfast at your hotel, your tour guide and driver will pick you up at 08:00 for a full-day excursion to the vibrant Mekong Delta. Your journey takes you to Ben Tre Province, where you'll embark on a boat trip along the Ham Luong River, a major waterway flowing through the region, revealing lush islets and connecting various exciting destinations within the Delta.You'll visit several family-run workshops to observe the local economy in action: a brickwork factory, a coconut candy-making facility where you can sample this unique sweet, and a mat weaving house where straw mats are crafted by handloom. Conclude your morning at a quiet village, offering a glimpse into daily Delta life. Here, experience a traditional 'xe loi' (motorized rickshaw) ride through the forest to fruit orchards, followed by a delicious and substantial lunch at a riverside restaurant.The afternoon features a relaxing sampan boat ride along narrow canals, an exotic experience unique to the Mekong Delta. You will return to your hotel in Saigon around 17:00.

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Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City Historical & Cultural Tour

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Join an all-encompassing Ho Chi Minh City sightseeing tour to visit its most significant attractions. Begin at the War Remnants Museum, housing over 20,000 documents, artifacts, and films that chronicle the impacts of past conflicts on Vietnam. Next, proceed to the Reunification Palace, the former presidential residence, which famously marked Vietnam's reunification and independence.Continue your journey to the impressive Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, also known as the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Basilica. This landmark is not only a symbol of Catholicism in Vietnam but also a unique example of French colonial architecture in the city. Following the cathedral, visit the Saigon Post Office, another iconic colonial structure built by the French between 1886 and 1891, blending Western design with Eastern decorative elements. The post office remains a busy, operational hub today.Please note that Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral is currently undergoing renovation. Before returning to your hotel, the tour concludes at a local market, providing an opportunity to shop like a local and practice your bargaining skills.

Day 15 Ho Chi Minh City Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Enjoy a relaxed morning and savor your final moments in Ho Chi Minh City on this small group tour. At the appropriate time, a ATT Asia Travel driver will provide a comfortable transfer to the airport for your onward flight. We bid you farewell and look forward to welcoming you again! Please note that the standard check-out time is 12:00; contact your travel consultant if you require a late check-out.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED

PRICE INCLUDES

AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
30 Oct 2026	13 Nov 2026	**USD 1,319**	Available	–
04 Nov 2026	18 Nov 2026	**USD 1,319**	Available	–
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27 Nov 2026	11 Dec 2026	**USD 1,319**	Available	–
02 Dec 2026	16 Dec 2026	**USD 1,319**	Available	–
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CANCELLATION POLICY

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